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WOMEN POLICE.

The Minister for Justice, when asked about the appointment of women police, said he was waiting to hear if they were a success in other places. We wonder how long the Minister is going to wait. The people of U.S. are convinced of their success. It is two or three years since the Chief of Police in Denver said: "The best policeman in my force is a woman." Even Conservative England has women patrols. In Great Britain and Ireland there are 3000 women patrols working in 90 centres. They are welcomed and helped by the police, are appreciated and encouraged by the military authorities, and are urged to take up the work by the Home Office. Lately a score of women have been appointed at Scotland Yard. The Governor at Cape-town has appointed police women to work with the Volunteer Women Patrols. Their duty is largely preventive work. They are able to help and counsel young girls, and in the neigh-

bourhood of military camps have been specially commended for their work. Many a young soldier has to thank a woman patrol for help and guidance when he is first thrown into the temptations of a military camp.

Then, too, in streets and public parks the watchful woman patrol is there to guard young girls from men of undesirable character, who so often accost them. Many of these wretches escape punishment because a young girl will not complain to a policeman about them, but she would not hesitate to place herself under the protection of a police woman. Mr A. E. Clarke, Chief Probation Officer at Melbourne, says that a great work awaits women police, especially as patrols and in cases where women and children are concerned.

At present there should certainly be authorised women police and women inspectors for the sake both of young soldiers and thoughtless girls.

The Inspector-General of N.S.W. Police Force, giving evidence before the Royal Commission, said that their women police were to protect and warn young girls, that is, "to assist us in a class of work our men are not adapted for." In reply to a question, he said: "I certainly think the regular police force should be supplemented by women."

In all matters of reform, New Zealand (which voted at last election to put a Reform Government in power) is lagging behind all countries of the civilised world. South Australia has women J.P.'s. U.S. has women on her juries, has appointed Miss Katherine Ingersoll as Chicago's first woman Judge, has Miss Katherine Davis as Commissioner of Corrections, and as such in control of New York's largest prison; Mrs Helen Van Dyke Bell is Commissioner of Federal Court in Kentucky; Miss Whitehead, J.P. in Seattle, has been detailed to try all criminal cases against women.

WAKE UP! NEW ZEALAND.

Alcohol has seemed to us a nice plaything or even an amiable friend. To-day, however, we know that the jolly comrade, for the price of one hour of exhilaration, cheats us out of our self-respect, that it brings to ruin every being and every nation that yields to it.—Prof. E. Kraepelin.

HAWKES BAY PROVINCIAL CONVENTION.

The District Convention of the Hawkes Bay W.C.T.U. was held in St. Andrews' Hall, Hastings, May 31st.

The Convention was opened at 10.30 a.m. by the President.

Delegates were present from Napier, Hastings, Norsewood, Waipawa, and Waipukurau.

Resolved: To request the Minister of Education that copies of the ten commandments be hung on all school walls.

That any Union joining in the Provincial Convention should have the power, through the President or otherwise, to appoint representatives on the Executive Committee, in the event of the President being unable to attend Convention.

Mrs Walker read a paper on Mothers' Meetings, and how to reach the Mothers.

A discussion followed.

Letters of sympathy were sent to Mrs Winterbottom, Mrs Ingram, and Mrs Oldham.

In the afternoon, after Bible Reading and Prayer, by Mrs Dodds (Napier) and Mrs Martindale (Hastings), the President delivered an address on signing the pledge card, on which a lengthy discussion took place.

Mrs Bibby (Waipawa), spoke on the work of the New Zealand Alliance.

Resolved: "That a message of greeting and good cheer be sent to the Rev J. Dawson, of the Alliance, from Hawkes Bay Provincial Convention.

Mrs Neal (Pahiatua) gave a most helpful address on Medical Temperance.

Three new members were initiated.

Election of officers for 1917 Convention, to be held in Waipukurau, the first week in May, took place, and resulted: President, Mrs Venables (Napier); Secretary, Miss Johnston (Waipawa); Treasurer, Mrs Hopkirk (Waipukurau).

Votes of thanks were passed to the Hastings ladies for providing morning and afternoon tea; Mrs Griffiths for filling the place of Recording Secretary; Mrs Venables for presiding.

In the evening a very enjoyable concert was given, musical and other items being much appreciated.

Two very interesting addresses were given by the Rev Rugby Pratt (Methodist) and the Rev Eldridge (Baptist) respectively.